



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hess, Christopher J. : Examiner: Bui, VY Q.
Serial Number: 10/816,024)
Filed: 04/01/2004 : Group Art Unit: 3773
For: Vessel Harvesting Retractor with) Conf. No. 9323
Bilateral Electrosurgical Ligation : Dated: January 7, 2008
) Docket No. ETH-1541

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Attn: Mail Stop

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 28, 2007 regarding the above identified application.

The requested extension is for one (1) months, from December 28, 2007 to January 28, 2008.

The fee for the extension of time is one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) and is paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04 0170.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: January 7, 2008

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on January 7, 2008 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: January 7, 2008

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